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Transmitted herewith for filing is the Utility patent application of:

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| FOR: | FAULT DETECTION METHOD |

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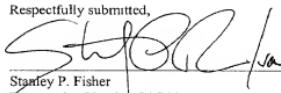
- 14 sheets of formal informal drawings.
- Transmittal of certified copy of Japanese application 2001-058087 to claim priority date of March 2, 2001.
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